



TOWN OF GRAFTON
GRAFTON MEMORIAL MUNICIPAL CENTER
30 PROVIDENCE ROAD
GRAFTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01519

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Application for Community Preservation Funding
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DATE: February 6, 2019

APPLICANT NAME: Grafton Historical Commission

ADDRESS: Grafton Municipal Center

30 Providence Road, Grafton MA 01519

PHONE: 508-839-4866

EMAIL: clarkdon@verizon.net

SITE INFORMATION

PROJECT NAME: 1848 Howard and Davis Scale and Cabinet Restoration

FULL ADDRESS: Grafton Municipal Center, 30 Providence Road, Grafton MA 01519

ASSESSOR'S MAP _____ LOT# _____

PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME: Town of Grafton, MA

Deed recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book: _____ Page: _____

CPA CATEGORY (check all that apply)

Open Space _____ Historic Preservation ☒ Recreation _____ Community Housing _____

Total Project Cost \$10,000 CPA Funding Request \$10,000

Project Summary (a detailed description will be required with your supporting information)

Restoration and preservation of the town-owned circa-1848 Howard & Davis Scale and Cabinet used by the
Sealer of Weights and Measures, a State-required town responsibility from 1848 to the present

Project Budget:

Fiscal Year	Total Project Cost	CPA Funds Requested	Other Funding Sources
2019			
2020	\$10,000	\$10,000	N/A
2021			
2022			
2023			
Total	\$10,000	\$10,000	

For Community Preservation Committee Use:

Revised: 10/23/2018

Funding Rating General Criteria

The project must meet all the legal criteria of the Community Preservation Act. The project must be well documented and provide sufficient information to be feasible. The following criteria will be considered as the project is evaluated. However, meeting all of the criteria does not guarantee CPC support for the project. In addition to filling out the Funding Rating General Criteria, there are individual category rating criteria.

Answer each line as it applies (Yes/ No):

- No ☐ 1.) Does the project have other sources of funding?
If so, indicate percentage: _____
- Yes ☐ 2.) Does the project require urgent attention?
- No ☐ 3.) Does the project serve a currently underserved population?
- Yes ☐ 4.) Does the project preserve a threatened resource?
- No ☐ 5.) Is the project consistent with existing Grafton Planning Documents such as the Master Plan or Open Space Plan?
- No ☐ 6.) Does the project fit within the current or already proposed zoning regulations?
- No ☐ 7.) Does the project have a means of support for maintenance and upkeep?
- Yes ☐ 8.) Does the project involve currently owned municipal assets?
- No ☐ 9.) Does the project have two other sources of funding?
- No ☐ 10.) Does the project have more than two other sources of funding?
- No ☐ 11.) Does the project involve two core concerns of the CPA?
- No ☐ 12.) Does the project involve all three-core concerns of the CPA?
- Yes ☐ 13.) Does the project have community support?
- Yes ☐ 14.) Does the project have sufficient supporting documentation?
- Yes ☐ 15.) Does the project have support from another Board or Committee?
- Yes ☐ 16.) Does the project provide a positive impact to the community?
- No ☐ 17.) Does the project have the support of the majority of immediate abutters?
- No ☐ 18.) Does the project reclaim abandoned or previously developed lands?
- No ☐ 19.) Does the project require special permitting?

Historic Preservation Selection Criteria

Answer each line as it applies (Yes/ No):

- No ☐ 1.) Is the building on the National Register of Historic Places?
- No ☐ 2.) Is the property eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?
- No ☐ 3.) Is the property on the State Historic Register?
- No ☐ 4.) Is the property eligible for listing on the State Historic Register?
- No ☐ 5.) Has the property been included in the local Survey of Historic Properties?
- Yes ☐ 6.) Is the property in danger of being demolished?
- No ☐ 7.) Are there potential archeological artifacts at the site?
- No ☐ 8.) Has the property been noted in published histories of the town or county?
- Yes ☐ 9.) Is there a realistic chance of restoring the property?
- No ☐ 10.) Are there other potential uses for the property, which could benefit the town?
- No ☐ 11.) Could the building be converted for affordable housing use while still retaining its' historic quality?
- No ☐ 12.) Is the property part of an historic area or district in the town?
- Yes ☐ 13.) Is the owner also interested in preserving the historic integrity of the property?
- No ☐ 14.) Is there an opportunity for other matching funding to preserve the property?
- Explain: _____
- Yes ☐ 15.) Are there any particularly important historic aspects about the property?
- No ☐ 16.) Was a known architect of the era involved in the design of the structure?
- Yes ☐ 17.) Did the property ever play a documented role in the history of the town?

Restoration of circa 1850 Howard & Davis Weights and Measures Scale and Cabinet

The Grafton Historical Commission is seeking \$10,000 in Community Preservation funds for the restoration and preservation of the town-owned Howard & Davis Weights and Measures Scale and Cabinet, dating from about 1850.

Background

Beginning in 1848, the State of Massachusetts issued a balance scale and certified set of weights and measures to each city and town to ensure weights and measures used in commerce were accurate and standardized throughout the State. At the same time, each town was responsible for establishing the position of Sealer of Weights and Measures. The Town Sealer was to make an annual inspection and "sealing" of each scale, weight and measure used in the town for buying or selling weighed or measured goods. The position remains a responsibility of the town to the present day, although Grafton's Howard & Davis scale is no longer used.

The 66" wide x 23" inch deep x 75" tall unit is presently stored in a corner of the custodian's office at the Grafton Municipal Center, unlocked.

As envisioned by the Historical Commission, the gray-painted exterior of the cabinet will be professionally stripped and refinished. The grain-painted interior walls will be left intact, if possible. The existing wood doors will have glass panels and locks installed in them to allow display of the scale, weights and measures while providing security. LED lighting will be added to increase visibility within the cabinet. Any damaged areas will be repaired; the scale, weights and measures will be cleaned, repaired and painted as necessary.

When completed, the scale and cabinet would make an excellent educational display in the new Grafton Public Library.

Selectmen's Approval

At the February 19 Board of Selectmen's meeting, the Historical Commission received the Board's approval to apply to the Community Preservation Committee for \$10,000 to restore the town-owned scale and cabinet. (Letter attached)

Restoration Costs

The restoration will be modeled after the work done to the Maynard, Massachusetts scale and cabinet (photos attached). In 2012, the Maynard Historical Commission was granted \$7,500 in CPA funds for the restoration. Robert P. Dionne Painting of Littleton, MA refinished the cabinet at a cost of \$5,600 (copy of invoice attached).

Though 7 years have passed, the Grafton Historical Commission estimates the total project cost at \$10,000:

Refinish cabinet — \$6,500

Add lighting — \$500

Transportation (moving to and from refinishing shop) — \$500 (estimate)

Refurbish scale, weights and measures — \$1000

Preparation of educational materials for display with cabinet — \$500

Contingency — \$1000

Implementation

The Grafton Historical Commission will be responsible for the project. Donald Clark will be the manager. If approved by the Community Preservation Committee, implementation will begin after July 1, 2019.



OFFICE OF THE
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

30 Providence Road

Grafton, MA 01519

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February 25, 2019

Grafton Historic Commission
c/o Donald Clark
30 Providence Rd.
Grafton, MA 01519

RE: Restoration Project - Sealer of Weights & Measures Cabinet

Dear Mr. Clark:

At their meeting on February 5, 2019 the Grafton Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to support your request to restore the 1850 Howard & Davis Weights and Measures Scale cabinet. The board also supports your request to seek funding for this project through the Community Preservation Committee.

If you have questions or need assistance, feel free to contact me.

Regards,


Timothy P. McInerney

cji/TPM

Proposal

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ROBERT P. DIONNE

Painting Company

72 Arlington St., Acton, MA 01720

Telephone: 263-3663

15 Concord Dr.
Littleton, MA 01460

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO Town of Maynard Historical Commission		PHONE 978-897-2863	DATE 10/10/12
STREET 3 Country Lane		JOB NAME	
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE Maynard, MA 01754		JOB LOCATION	
ARCHITECT c/o Jack MacKeen	DATE OF PLANS	JOB PHONE	

We hereby submit specifications and estimates for

Scale Cabinet

**Strip all paint and other finishes to raw wood,
make all necessary repairs,
Re-work doors to include glass panels
Re-finish to resemble original color and
natural finish**

**Labor + Materials
\$5,600.⁰⁰**

WE PROPOSE hereby to furnish complete labor and material in accordance with the specifications above for

THE SUM OF **DOLLARS \$5,600.**

Payable as follows: **Upon Completion of work**

NOTICE: You may cancel this agreement if it has been consummated by a party thereto at a place other than an address of the seller, which may be his main office or a branch thereof, provided you notify the seller in writing at his main office or branch by ordinary mail posted, by telegram sent or by delivery, not later than midnight of the third business day following the signing of this agreement.

All material is to be as specified. All work is to be completed in a workmanlike manner and in accordance with standard practices. Changes to the above specification will be accepted only in writing and may result in price increases. This agreement is contingent upon strikes, accidents and other delays beyond contractor's control. The owner is to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance. The contractor will provide Workman's Compensation insurance for all workers.

AUTHORIZED
SIGNATURE

This proposal may be withdrawn if not accepted within days.

ACCEPTANCE: The specifications, prices, and conditions proposed are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are hereby authorized to proceed with the work specified. We agree to make payment as described above.

Signature

Signature

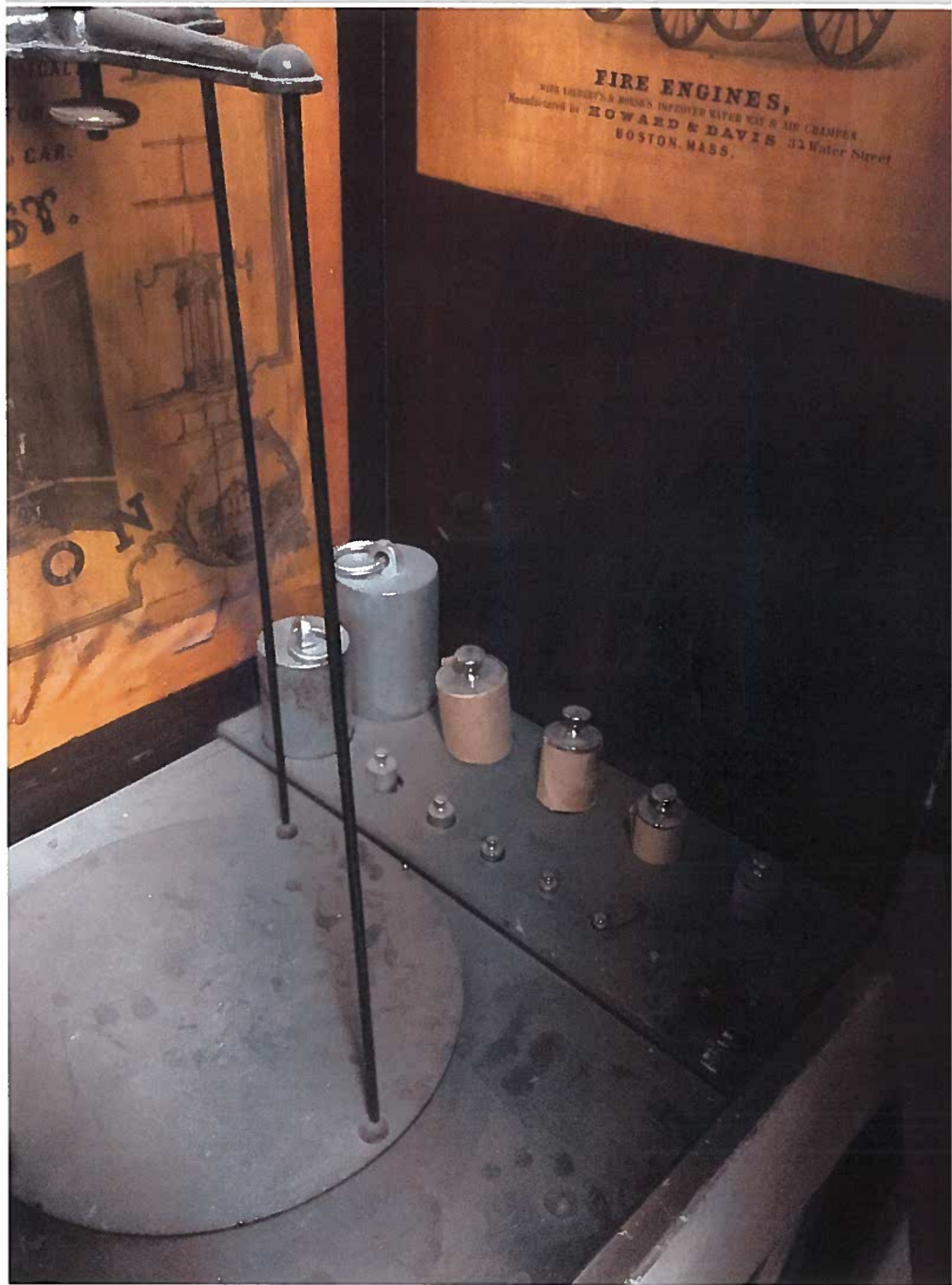
Date













MADE FOR THE TOWN
OF

GRAFTON,
BY

HOWARD & DAVIS,

BOSTON, MASS.

1, 1848.

HOWARD & DAVIS, Manufacturers, Boston.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Following is a List of the STANDARDS as furnished to each Town, City, and County in the Commonwealth, agreeably to Resolves, passed in 1847 and 1848; and the undersigned are the Commissioners appointed by the authority supplying said Standard Weights, Measures and Balances.

Standards embrace the following, viz:—

One Avoirdupois Balance for 50 pounds.

One Set of Avoirdupois Weights of Sixteen Divisions, viz:—

DRACHMS,—1, 2, dr.

OUNCES,— $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 4, 8, oz.

POUNDS,—1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50, lbs.

One Set of LIQUID MEASURES, of Six Divisions, viz:—
Gill, Half-Pint, Pint, Quart, Two Quarts, Gallon.

One Set of DRY MEASURES of Five Divisions, viz:—
Quart, Two Quarts, Half-Peck, Peck, Half-Bushel.

One YARD MEASURE.

The foregoing Standards, are accompanied with a Case or Cabinet, in which the Standards are to be kept in a careful preservation, all arranged in separate apartments.

JOS. BARRETT,
HENRY PLYMPTON, COMMISSIONERS
CHAS. A. WELLS.

Boston, July 1st, 1848.

Maynard MA

Completed Town Scale





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